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SUBJECT: SUGAR QUOTA

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1. GOG JUSTIFIABLY PIQUED AT BARBADOS DECISION TO SHIP TO US UNDER BASIC QUOTA. AT MEETINGS HELD DURING DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY IN KINGSTON, BRIDGETOWN AND GEORGETOWN, INCLUDING ONE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, CARICOM SUPPLIERS AGREED BY CONTRACT THAT ONLY JAMAICA AND GUYANA WOULD SPLIT U.S. BASIC QUOTA. INDUSTRY AND GOG OFFICIALS DETERMINED TO SHIP GUYANA'S 26,000 (LONG TONS) SHARE OF BASIC QUOTA REGARDLESS OF WHAT BARBADOS DOES.

2. THIS RAISES INTERESTING QUESTION OF WHAT HAPPENS IF
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TOTAL JAMAICA, BARBADOS, GUYANA SHIPMENTS EXCEED QUOTA.

IF ANY FCFS ALLOCATION REMAINS WILL BASIC QUOTA OVER-SHIPMENT BE CHARGED AGAINST THIS? EMBASSY ASSUMES OVERAGE WILL BE CLEARED FOR U.S. ENTRY IN ANY CASE, POSSIBLY IN ANTICIPATION OF SHORTFALLS ELSEWHERE. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT VIEWS ON THIS.

3. COMMENT: BARBADOS ACTION WILL PROBABLY PROVOKE ANOTHER "CRISIS" MINISTERIAL MEETING WITHIN CARICOM.
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